

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, and early and favorable consideration of the subject application are respectfully requested.

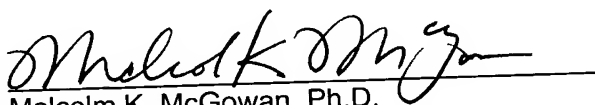
By the present amendment, claims 1-49 have been deleted without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. New claims 50-129 have been added. The new claims, directed to methods of treating and/or preventing restenosis and/or blood vessel thickening, methods of decreasing macrophage accumulation, increasing endothelial cell growth, inhibiting hyperplastic connective tissue growth and/or promoting endothelialisation, derive support from throughout the specification and claim as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Should there be any questions concerning the present Preliminary Amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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